

# House Study Bill 696 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to regional representation and residency  
2 requirements for members of the state transportation  
3 commission, and including effective date and applicability  
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 307A.1A, subsection 1, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. There is created a state transportation commission  
4 which shall consist of seven members, not more than four of  
5 whom shall be from the same political party. The governor  
6 shall appoint the members of the state transportation  
7 commission for a term of four years beginning at 12:01 a.m.  
8 on July 1 in the year of appointment and expiring at 12:00  
9 midnight on June 30 in the year of expiration, subject to  
10 confirmation by the senate. For each of the six regions of  
11 the state, as designated in paragraph "b", the governor shall  
12 appoint one member to represent the region, and the member  
13 shall reside in the region. The governor shall appoint one  
14 member to represent the state at large, and the member shall  
15 reside in the state.

16 b. For purposes of this subsection, the state is divided  
17 into six regions, which shall be composed of the following  
18 counties:

19 (1) Region 1 consists of Boone, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton,  
20 Hardin, Jasper, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Story, Tama, and  
21 Webster.

22 (2) Region 2 consists of Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer,  
23 Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Floyd,  
24 Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Kossuth, Mitchell,  
25 Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, and Wright.

26 (3) Region 3 consists of Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll,  
27 Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, Monona,  
28 O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux,  
29 and Woodbury.

30 (4) Region 4 consists of Adair, Adams, Audubon, Cass,  
31 Dallas, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Madison, Mills, Montgomery,  
32 Page, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, and Union.

33 (5) Region 5 consists of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur,  
34 Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas,  
35 Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Muscatine, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren,

1 Washington, and Wayne.

2 (6) Region 6 consists of Benton, Buchanan, Cedar, Clinton,  
3 Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and  
4 Scott.

5 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 307A.9 Residency requirement —**  
6 **resignation from office.**

7 Any of the following members of the commission shall be  
8 deemed to have resigned from the commission and the vacancy  
9 shall be filled as described in section 307A.4:

10 1. A member appointed to represent a region of the state,  
11 as described in section 307A.1A, subsection 1, who no longer  
12 resides in the region.

13 2. A member appointed to represent the state at large,  
14 as described in section 307A.1A, subsection 1, who no longer  
15 resides in the state.

16 **Sec. 3. TRANSITION.** The first regular term appointment  
17 made on or after the effective date of this Act shall represent  
18 region 1. The second regular term appointment made on or after  
19 the effective date of this Act shall represent region 2. The  
20 third regular term appointment made on or after the effective  
21 date of this Act shall represent region 3. The fourth regular  
22 term appointment made on or after the effective date of  
23 this Act shall represent region 4. The fifth regular term  
24 appointment made on or after the effective date of this Act  
25 shall represent region 5. The sixth regular term appointment  
26 made on or after the effective date of this Act shall represent  
27 region 6. The seventh regular term appointment made on or  
28 after the effective date of this Act shall represent the state  
29 at large.

30 **Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate  
31 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

32 **Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to members of the  
33 state transportation commission appointed and confirmed on or  
34 after the effective date of this Act.

35 **EXPLANATION**

1           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
2           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3       Under current law, the state transportation commission (STC)  
4 consists of seven members, not more than four of whom may  
5 be from the same political party. The governor appoints the  
6 members of the STC for a term of four years. The governor's  
7 appointees are subject to confirmation by the senate.

8       This bill requires that for each of the six regions of the  
9 state, as designated by the bill, one member of the STC must be  
10 appointed to represent, and must reside in, each region. The  
11 seventh member of the STC must be appointed to represent the  
12 state at large, and must reside in the state. The bill divides  
13 the state into six regions with each region consisting of  
14 certain adjoining counties. The regions mirror the department  
15 of transportation's six highway division operations districts.

16       The bill provides that a member who no longer resides in  
17 the region or state, as applicable, shall be deemed to have  
18 resigned from the STC and the vacancy shall be filled as  
19 provided by current law.

20       The bill takes effect upon enactment, applies to members of  
21 the STC appointed and confirmed on or after the effective date  
22 of the bill, and sets forth transition provisions.